

SHAKESPEARE'S CENTENARY RECALLS TREATMENT OF HIS SPOUSE

Elaborate preparations are being made both in England and America for the proper observance of the ter-centenary of Shakespeare's death, on April 23 of next year. In this connection it is interesting to recall that today is the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Anne Shakespeare, wife and widow of the immortal bard, who breathed her last at Stratford-upon-Avon, August 6, 1623, having survived her husband by more than seven years.

There is reason to believe that Shakespeare's domestic life was not altogether very happy, and that his entrance into the married state was not altogether voluntary on his part. Shakespeare was barely 19 years old when he took Anne Hathaway as his lawful wedded spouse. The bride, eight years his senior, was the daughter of a well-to-do yeoman at the neighboring hamlet of Shottery. It is probable that the sturdy yeoman was an important factor in arranging the marriage between the Stratford boy and the mature Anne, who had reached an age when in those days brought upon her the reproach of being an "old maid." The father doubtless would have been glad to see his son married, and the marriage was brought to a realization that, for the head of a family, life is a very serious proposition.

Besides being the anniversary of Anne Shakespeare's death, today marks the passing, in 1837, of "Parsa Ben Jonson," dramatist and poet and Shakespeare's friend who took part in the debauch which caused the death of the bard of Avon. In the diary of Rev. John Ward, vicar of Stratford, we are told that "Shakespeare, Drayton, and Ben Jonson had a merry meeting, and it seems drank too hard, for Shakespeare died of a fever thus contracted."

The circumstances surrounding their marriage, and the disparity in their ages, probably made Shakespeare and his wife a poorly matched pair, and not altogether congenial. This is suggested by Shakespeare's will, in which his wife is mentioned only in a few interlined words, apparently added as an afterthought. In the body of the will bequests were made to Shakespeare's daughters, Judith and Susanna, the former becoming Mrs. Quiney and the latter Mrs. Hill, to his sister, Joan Hart, and her three sons, and to a considerable number of friends and acquaintances.

In the body of the will there was no mention whatever of Mrs. Shakespeare; but in an interlined bequest he wrote: "I give unto my wife my second-best bed, with the furniture."

It would seem from this that when Shakespeare wrote his will he forgot that he had a wife, although it would seem that the mention of his daughter's name had recalled it to his memory, but that her existence was afterward brought to his attention and the interlined bequest was added. By law, however, Mrs. Shakespeare inherited a third of her husband's estate, so she was not left destitute. Anne Shakespeare was buried in Stratford Church. Her gravestone bears this inscription:

"Heres lyeth Interred the body of Anne, wife of William Shakespeare, who deposed this Life the 6th day of Augr, 1623, being of the age of 57 Yeares."

MAKING SUGAR
ANCIENT AS WELL
AS MODERN INDUSTRY

The world has had a "sweet tooth" for many ages. People have been eating sugar from time immemorial. It would seem that growing sugar cane is an industry so old that it antedates the Christian era. By many centuries. At least that is what we gather from an article by Edward Abbey in the May number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan-American Union, which gives a comprehensive account of the cane sugar industry in the Americas, and incidentally embodies an interesting resume of what is actually known of the history of the industry throughout the world from the very dawn of civilization to the present.

"Scientists admit they do not know just where sugar cane originated," he writes, "for nowhere has it been found in its native state. It has been a cultivated product for many centuries, and the first mention to be found in written records is in the sacred books of the Hindus. 'I have crowned thee with a shining sugar cane, so that thou shalt not be averse to me,' was written many centuries before the Christian era. In the train of Alexander the Great, during his Asiatic conquests, were some observant persons who made notes of what they saw, when not too busy killing off the inhabitants, and in these written documents, according to later writers who fell heir to them, is told the story of the reed growing in India which produces honey without bees. Thus sugar cane was evidently well known in that country before 329 B. C."

"As to the manufactured product of the cane, the first kind of sugar of which mention is made was a concentrated juice called 'sacchar' in India (Sanskrit), and this seems to have been known as a food from prehistoric times. That its manufacture was a well established industry in India in the seventh century is attested by the old Chinese encyclopedia, the Pen-tao-kang-mu, which states that the Emperor T'ai-tung, who reigned from 927 to 950 A. D., sent some of his people to Behar to learn the art of sugar making. The manufacture of sugar even in the early centuries of the Christian era was not restricted to the more opulent of the juice of the cane to dryness, for the Arabs and Egyptians had been learned how to purify raw sugar by recrystallization, and incidentally how to make a great variety of sweetsmeats, or candy, out of the product."

The author tells of the introduction of the cane into Sicily by the Arabs in 109, whence it was taken to Africa, Spain, and all along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, as well as to the islands and borders of the Indian Ocean. The Crusaders found extensive sugar cane plantations in Tripoli, Mesopotamia, Antioch, and Cyprus, and by the fourteenth century the cane was being cultivated in every part of the known world where soil and climate were propitious.

It came to South America by being introduced into Brazil by the Portuguese, who brought it from Madeira, and thence it spread to nearly all the other countries of that continent. Columbus is said to have brought it to the island of Santa Domingo, whence

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Saturday the last day for Rug Discounts

Among other attractive offerings on the third floor, the big Ardahans and little Ardahans, the Japanese Rugs in late designs, the Matting and Linoleum, we direct attention to some

Congoleum Rugs

These are admirable for kitchen and bathroom use as they are very durable and can be washed up the same as linoleum.

Sizes 9 x 12	were \$6.50	for \$5.85
6 x 9	were \$3.00	for \$2.70
4 x 6	were \$1.50	for \$1.35

Crex Rugs and Crex Matting

One yard, one and one-half and one and one-quarter wide, less 10 per cent.

Heavy Braided Rugs for Porch Use.

6 x 9	were \$8.00	for \$6.40
4 x 7	were \$4.50	for \$3.60

Heavy Chinese Matting.

Roll of forty yards	for \$11.70
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Third floor.

Lace Curtains

Very attractive designs, some of them in two and three pair lots only.

Irish Point Curtains

Were \$12.00	for \$8.00	Were \$6.00	for \$4.00
Were \$9.00	for \$6.00	Were \$5.00	for \$3.00

Cluny Curtains

Were \$5.00	for \$4.00	Were \$3.00	for \$2.00
Were \$4.50	for \$2.75	Were \$2.00	for \$1.50

Serim Curtains

Were \$15.00	for \$12.00	Were \$8.00	for \$5.50
Were \$10.00	for \$7.00	Were \$6.00	for \$4.00

Nottingham Curtains

Were \$6.00	for \$4.00	Were \$3.00	for \$2.00
Were \$4.00	for \$2.75	Were \$2.00	for \$1.25
Were \$1.50	for .90	Were \$1.00	for .65

Tapestry Portieres

Were \$12.00	for \$8.00	Were \$6.50	for \$5.00
Were \$10.00	for \$6.50	Were \$6.00	for \$4.50
Were \$9.00	for \$6.00	Were \$5.00	for \$4.00

Cretannes, Linens for art work and all Decorative

Fabrics for household use, less 10 per cent.

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FAIRFIELD AVE. VARIETY STORE BROAD ST.
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PROFIT SHARING WITH EMPLOYEES

Great Sale Tomorrow ==Saturday

Special Sale Between 9 and 10 A. M.

At 3 1/2c—Best light prints.
At 3 1/2c—Yard-wide cheese cloth.
At 4 1/2c—Best dark prints.
At 4 1/2c—White or cream Shaker blanket.
At 5 1/2c—Heavy unbleached muslin.
At 6 1/2c—Amesbury apron gingham.
At 7 1/2c—Good cotton batting.
At 8 1/2c—Fancy silkoline for comfortables.
At 8 1/2c—English long cloth.

Special Sale Between 10 A. M. and 12 M.

At 8c—New Germantown yarn just received for fall.
At 7c—Ladies' summer vests.
At 55c—Big galvanized pails, worth 55c.

It spread to Mexico and Cuba. It was introduced into the other islands of the West Indies as soon as they came under European domination. The first sugar cane came to Louisiana by being sent to the Jesuits from Santo Domingo, in 1751, some English authorities giving the date as 1737.

Although practically all of the countries of the Pan-American Union cultivate the cane, Cuba is the greatest producer of cane sugar, not only in the Western Hemisphere but in the world. The total production of the Western Hemisphere for the 1913-14 season amounted to 4,919,814 tons, of which Cuba produced 2,597,732 tons, or nearly 52 per cent. The total sugar cane production of the world was 9,773,345 tons, and deducting the 2,597,732 tons produced by Cuba and locally consumed, it is seen that Cuba produces nearly 35 per cent of the cane sugar that is available in the markets of the world.

The United States is the greatest sugar consuming country of the world. In 1913 its total consumption amounted to 3,743,139 tons—including cane, beet and maple. This is a per capita consumption of \$5.4 pounds per annum. Much of this is consumed in the form of candy, over \$500,000,000 being spent for that sweet commodity in the United States every year. New York is the largest candy-consuming center in the world, and to supply that city alone it would take five trains of 50 cars, each loaded to the limit with candy, every week in the year if it had to be shipped in on a railroad.

TROLLEY CAR RUNS DOWN LITTLE GIRL
Annie Babel, aged 10, living at 614 Shelton street, while crossing East Main street near Stillman, at 7 o'clock last evening, was knocked down by a trolley car. She suffered severe

At 15c—Our 25c folding lunch boxes.
DOUBLE CAR FARE BETWEEN 2 AND 5 P. M. ALSO A HAND-SOME GLASS PAPER WEIGHT GIVEN FREE TO OUR CUSTOMERS BETWEEN 2 AND 5 P. M.

Special Sale Between 6 and 9 P. M.

At 7 1/2c—Genuine Fruit-of-the-Loom muslin.
At 10c—Our 12 1/2c 40 inch nainsook.
At 7c—Clothes lines 50 feet long.
At 4c—Wood clothes line spreaders.
At 3 for 5c—Large wire coat hangers.
At 89c—Life preservers or cushions for boats.
At 7c—Large box paper and envelopes.
At 25c—Stiffen pattern wrenches.
At 25c—Large hand saws.
At 25c and 45c—Ladies' shirt waists.

H. M. FRENCH IS NAMED STATE CLAIM AGENT OF NEW HAVEN ROAD
E. G. Buckland, vice president and general counsel of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., has appointed Harry M. French claim agent for Connecticut with office at New Haven in place of Eugene J. Phillips, claim agent, who has been promoted to be attorney for the company for Rhode Island.

G. O. P. FIELD DAY PLANS.
Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, Senators McLean and Brandegee, of Connecticut, the five Connecticut congressmen and other Republican officials, big and little, are expected at the annual field day and outing of the Bridgeport Republican club at Lordship Park on August 14. In addition to a sheep bake, there will be music and athletic events.

MRS. EVA W. BRODHEAD DEAD.
Denver, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Eva Wilder Brodhead, well known novelist and short story writer, died at her home here yesterday after an illness of 11 months. She was born at Covington, Ky., in 1870, and began literary work at the age of 18. With her husband, Henry C. Brodhead, she had lived in Denver 10 years.

GEN. TRACY SINKING.

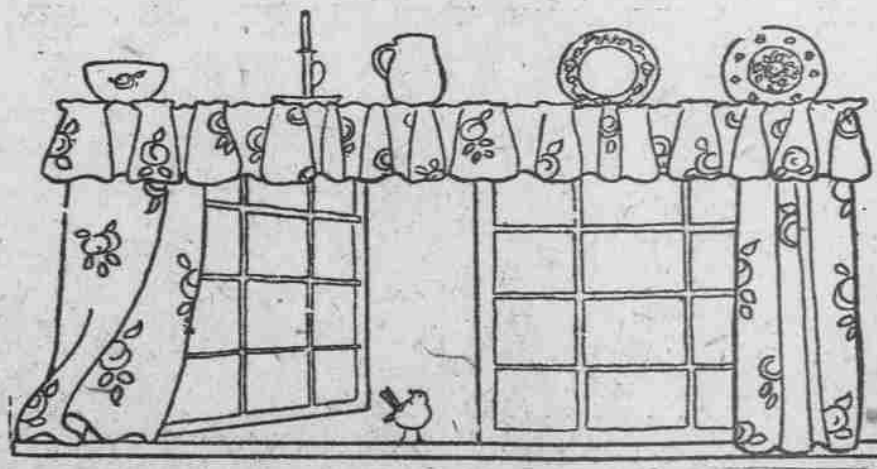
New York, Aug. 6.—Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, secretary of the navy department in the cabinet of Benjamin Harrison, was at death's door today, it was said. For nine days General Tracy, who is 84 years old, has lain unconscious and without nourishment

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Saturday Night ends the August Clearance Sale in all Departments except the Furniture

One week longer to enjoy selecting Furniture for the home and obtaining the Special Discounts



Fancy Silk and Wool Negliges

Silk Negliges which have been \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and up to \$15.00, some of them of extremely dainty design, pretty things of crepe and china silk, which have been hanging in cases through the alteration period since spring, marked far below original prices.

Neglige Sacques of Japanese silk and Crepe de Chine, many of them a little mussed and soiled from dust and exposure, were from \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$5.00,

at generous reductions.

Long Kimonos of figured crepe in a variety of colorings, were \$2.50 and \$2.75, \$1.00 to close out.

Misses Sweaters

White with navy blue sailor collar and trimmings, \$1.00 and \$2.00

Navy blue Worsted Sweaters for \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Children's Wear to close out

Colored Dresses for ages 2, 3, 4 and 5 years, for 39 cts

Rompers, both white and colored, for children 2, 3, and 4 years, were \$1.00,

50 cts to close out

Sunbonnets of pique, crepe and swiss, for 2, 3 and 4 year sizes, white and colored,

25 cts to close out

Straw Hats and other summer headwear at sale prices.

Tan leather Sandals, the first size, 6 months. These are perfect goods but white seems to be more in favor. Half price, 25 cts Second floor.

Remnants of Wash Goods, Saturday

Short lengths of Percales, Gingham, Plisse, Voile, Crepe, Organdie, Lawn and Ripplette, from 1 to 6 yards in a piece.

Short lengths of White Gabardine, Poplin, Pique, Lawn, Dimity, Linen-finish Cloth, Voile and Madras, 2 to 4 yards.

At half-price

Glove Bargains that remain

Black and white Silk Gloves, 8-button,

Pink and blue 16-button Silk Gloves, 69 cts

Black and white 2-clasp Silk Gloves, were 75, for 49 cts

Colored Silk Gloves, navy, tan, brown, gray, two lengths, 16-button and 2-clasp, were 75 cts, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50,

45 cts

Misses' Colored Lisle Gloves, 2 prs. for 25 cts

Children's Kid Globes, white and colors, were \$1.00, for 50 cts

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Hinkee Dees To Hold a Dance on Friday, the 13th.

The members of the Hinkee Dee club are making elaborate preparations for a dance to be held at the Collins Casino, Fairfield beach, on Friday evening, August 13. The casino will be decorated with Japanese lanterns for the affair and it is said that the committee has some surprises in store for the dancers in honor of the double superstition of the day. There will be jitney service to and from the trolley car. Because of the good times which have characterized all the dances held by the Hinkee Dee club during the past season the success of this mid-summer affair is assured. A number of prominent young men of the city are members of the organization and all are bending their efforts toward making Friday evening's dance the

R. P. K. Co. Closed Indefinitely, Says Receiver Siemon

The R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co plant, 200 Howard avenue, where two score of machinists and helpers went out on a sudden strike precipitated by the discharge of a committee who were drafting demands to be made for an eight hour day, is "closed indefinitely."

Judge Robert Ewing was elected mayor of Nashville, Tenn., and J. O. Tankard was elected city commission-

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The last day one who wishes to take advantage of discounts and special prices must improve the shining hours. There are many departments to visit. We recommend spending the day. Shopping leisurely through the morning, taking lunch in the tea room, and resting for awhile at the afternoon concert in the rest room. Music commences at 2:30.

The last day for discounts on China, Silver and Glass, Rugs, Carpets, Curtains and Upholstery Fabrics, Household Linens, Sheets, Comfortables, etc.

Coats for little Girls

An entirely new line of goods added to the sale. It is a little out of the ordinary for these are Coats that can be worn in very cold weather, heavy Zibelines, Camel's Hair, Boucle and heavy Wool Mixtures, all made up in pretty childish fashions that are new. A good maker utilized short lengths of fine cloths, where there was not enough to make a large coat. Some of them as high as \$12.50 in price. All in the sale,

\$5.00 each

Silk Frocks

New Designs for Afternoon and Evening Wear

Additions have been made to the line of Silk Gowns, and the assortment contains beautiful effects in taffeta made up with Georgette crepe, Figured Crepe de Chines, plain Crepes and Pussy Willow Taffetas, in all the latest shades.

Accordeon plaited Dancing Frocks in palest shell pink, white, corn color and green with girdles and boleros of black velvet, an effective garland of posies or a large rose. Afternoon Gowns for bridge and garden parties.

\$16.50

Second floor.

Not two alike.

Shopping Bags and Fifth Av. Purses

A very practical and tempting group.

Were \$7.50	for \$5.00	Were \$3.00	for \$2.00
Were \$5.00	for \$3.00	Were \$2.00	for \$1.50

Main St. entrance, left.

Two Specials in the Suit Rooms

House Dresses of Printed Dimity, very dainty floral designs, for house and porch wear in hot weather, were \$2.00,

75 cts.

Ocean Cloth and Surf Madras Bathing Suits, navy blue, black and fancy colors, were \$2.00 and \$2.50, \$1.50 For Saturday.

Women's Silk Stockings

Remaining from the fore part of the week are some fine Silk Hose in all desirable shades, for afternoon and evening wear. Were designed to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25, at 69 cts

Do not forget the Stationery

Boxes of Correspondence Paper and Cards, in attractive delicate tints, much of it with gilt edges, elegantly put up,

25 cts

Good to buy for gifts and prizes.

Remnants of Dress Goods

All weaves and colors included, a season's gathering Less 25 per cent.

BITTEN BY DOG.

John Ekstrom, 715 Ellsworth street, was bit on the right leg by a dog belonging to Steve Skerens, living at 30 Manson avenue last evening. The wound was cauterized at the Emergency hospital.

UNION MEN ATTENTION

All delegates of the Central Labor Union; also the officers of every local union in the city, are requested to attend a special meeting of the Central Labor Union, at their hall, 1119 Broad Street, at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. Per order,

KARL LANG, Pres.
J. J. O'NEIL, Sec.